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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN MISCONCEPTIONS OF THE PARIS MEETING

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1. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA JUNE 5
(REFTEL B), I STRESSED THAT WE WERE SUPPORTING AN AFRICAN FORCE
ONLY AS IT PERTAINED TO SHABA. I ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT WE WOULD
PREFER THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN BE ENDORSED BY THE OAU. I REITERATED
THESE POINTS TO MARK CHONA JUNE 9 AND ADDED THAT WE WOULD WELCOME
CONTINGENTS FOR SHABA FROM ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES.

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2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ONLY COMMENT (SEE REFTTEL B, PARA 7)
WAS THAT HE HOPED PRESIDENT CARTER'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE SHABA
PEACEKEEPING EXERCISE COULD BE KEPT AS INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE.
PRESIDENT CARTER'S OVER-EXPOSURE ON SHABA, SAID KAUNDA, COULD
UNDERMINE HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN DEALING WITH RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.
CHONA MADE THIS POINT AGAIN WHEN I TALKED TO HIM ON JUNE 9.

3. COMMENT: MWALE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM ZAMBIA SINCE MID-MAY AND PROBABLY IS NOT UP ON LATEST THINKING AT STATE HOUSE. HOWEVER, MWALE'S CONCERN ABOUT A PERMANENT, FRENCH-SPONSORED INTERVENTION FORCE ACCURATELY REFLECTS, WE BELIEVE, STATE HOUSE VIEWS. WE DO NOT FIND IT SURPRISING THAT HE RAISED THIS WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY. HOWEVER, WE SUSPECT THAT HE MAY HAVE DONE SO WITHOUT BEING INFORMED BY STATE HOUSE OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA HERE ON THE NATURE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN FORCE FOR SHABA. CLINGERMAN

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